



Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Via Electronic Filing

Re: MM Dkt 99-25 In the Matter of the Creation of a Low Power Radio Service

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find the signatures of 124 people — residents of Indiana — in support of two important components of the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the future of the Low Power FM (LPFM) service.

In many communities, the demand for stations far exceeds the number of available frequencies. To best serve the diverse needs of local communities, the FCC should adopt rules and policies that maximize the number of LPFM stations that can go on the air. For example, by allowing all stations that will not cause interference to apply for waivers on the second adjacent channel, the number of community radio stations this service can license could more than double.

In addition, the FCC should require new LPFM stations to broadcast a minimum amount of locally originated programming each week. With only so many licenses available in each community — and with many more applicants than available channels — it is crucial that no city or town miss out on this opportunity for real local radio.

Respectfully submitted,

_____/s/_____

Candace Clement
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Cc:
FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski
FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
FCC Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

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—Erik Hitchcock, Bloomington, IN

Regarding your deliberations on LPFM stations: YES to MORE of them! And YES to a requirement for LOCAL PROGRAMMING! You're familiar with the reasons for those decisions. I hope you'll each have the clarity of vision and the faith in your mission that's necessary to make them. Thank you.

—Gregg Hodgson, Gary, IN

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I deserted the terrestrial airwaves decades ago because of the very issue of a disconnect between local stations and the communities they served. There had developed such a bland, homogenization of the programming I was offered it was hard to distinguish one station from another. The only bright spot was decades ago a local kid actually went through the legal hoops to acquire a low power AM transmitter. I won't bore you with the details, but not only did he provide a direct link to the community, but his format was of his choosing. He was paying it all out of pocket and a few donations and occasionally selling off his music collection to get money to keep going. Alas, he had to go on to college and a real career and the station went away. AM has its audio quality limitations and I can only wonder if an FM station would have made a difference. Sure, we have 'corporate' owned stations in my area that try to keep a local flavor to what they do, but they are still cookie-cutter. All are forced into a certain format with time constraints dictated by maximizing profit from available air time. That's OK, I guess. But it amounts to 'make money first, be part of the community second. Or third...'. There are other voices out there who feel a need to further involve themselves in community affairs. There are still those to want to add color to a world becoming ever more beige and bland. There are other voices deserving to be heard. Communities need a voice in a world where the biggest drown out everyone else. Low Power FM could fill that need. Going back to what I said at the beginning, where once radio, AM as well, but especially FM, was a constant in my life. I travelled around the country for a living for a number of years so I have listened to a lot of radio markets. I heard when things started becoming generic. All my vehicles had tape or CD players to spare me the radio. I was one of the original adapters of satellite radio. All my vehicles have satellite radios and my house has several. The AM/FM part of my stereo system has less than an hour operating time in 10 years. I use it only for weather emergencies and to do the occasional scan to see if something 'new' has appeared on the dial. Again, I think LPFM could fix that. I know you know the particulars of this law so I won't waste your time rehashing those. My point is simply I left FM ages ago because of the loss of the local color of what I heard as stations were bought up by larger firms and were form fit to the corporation rather than the communities they served. I'd sure like a reason to blow the dust from that old FM receiver of mine. Thank you.

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